

COUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC General Military Information

25X1

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 17 April 1953 25X1REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED
Information

25X1

1. On 28 March 1953, two troop trains carrying a total of 24 x 37-mm AA guns, 700 troops with full pack and 42 trucks were unloaded in Weimar. They came from the direction of Altengrabow and moved to the Flak Kaserne upon unloading.¹

25X1

2. On 2 April, about 250 soldiers, 30 trucks and 17 x 37-mm AA guns entered the Cambrai Kaserne in Wuensdorf. The soldiers appeared to have returned from an exercise.²

3. On 23 March, the camp along the Ohrdruf-Krahwinkel road was vacant. Several new low, temporary barracks were seen. Soldiers practiced firing with about 12 x 152-mm guns and engaged in gun drill on the training grounds. Motor vehicles seen in traffic to and from the troops training grounds included

25X1

A VF truck mounting an AA machine gun and towing light AAA and another truck towing a 45-mm AT gun were also identified.³

25X1

4. On 20 March, about 10 trucks carrying pontoons and 1 jeep moved through Cottbus toward Sachsendorf.

4

25X1

5. At about 12:30 p.m. on 25 March, a train with 18 x 37-mm AA guns, about 30 trucks, 1 field kitchen and troops in 11 boxcars moved through Beelitz in the direction of Jueterbog.

 ⁵ At about 1 p.m. on 30 March, the following column moved through Beelitz in the direction of Jueterbog: 9 trucks, each towing a 37-mm AA gun and

25X1

 11 trucks, each towing a 57-mm AT gun and including

25X1

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

466

SECRET

- 2 -

25X1

[redacted] 8 trucks, each towing a 122-mm field howitzer and [redacted] 4 rocket launchers [redacted] The same column was seen when it returned between 6 and 10 p.m.⁶ At about 8:30 a.m. on 3 April, 18 artillery pieces of about 150 mm caliber, about 25 trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance, 1 sedan, 1 jeep and 2 field kitchens were loaded in Jueterbog. The materiel came from Altes Lager.

25X1

1. [redacted] Comment. The two trains carried elements of the 1173d Light AAA Regt of the 13th AAA Div back to the post, from where they left for Altengrabow [redacted] on 1 and 2 March.

25X1

25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. It is assumed that the light AAA regiment of the 2d Gds AAA Div returned from firing practice at Jueterbog to the Cambrai Kaserne.

25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The summer camps of the other troop training grounds in East Germany were also vacant prior to late March. [redacted]

25X1

25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] probably elements of the 82d Engr Bn of the 9th Mezz Div, which is carried in the Sachsendorf Kaserne.

25X1

5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the train carried elements of the 31st AAA Div. [redacted]

25X1

6. [redacted]

25X1

SECRET